## Fiscal Estimate - 2023 Session

☑ Original ☐ Updated	☐ Corrected ☐ Sup	oplemental			
LRB Number 23-0760/1	Introduction Number SE	3-0026			
Description removing ineligible voters from the official voter registration list					
Fiscal Effect		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
Appropriations Re	rease Existing venues crease Existing venues  The possible to abso agency's budget agency's bu	rb within			
Permissive Mandatory Pe	crease Revenue Counties Cornissive Mandatory School	s /illage			
Fund Sources Affected Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations					
GPR FED PRO PRS	SEG SEGS				
Agency/Prepared By	Authorized Signature	Date			
ELEC/ Robert Kehoe (608) 261-2019	Meagan Wolfe (608) 266-8175 2/22/20				

## Fiscal Estimate Narratives ELEC 2/22/2023

LRB Number 23-0760/1	Introduction Number	SB-0026	Estimate Type	Original	
Description					
removing ineligible voters from the official voter registration list					

## Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

More detail is needed to determine the cost of the proposal. There is not a physical "registration list." Ineligible voters are, by definition, not registered to vote. Ineligible voters do not appear on poll books - the lists of registered voters produced for each election and held at every municipality in the State of Wisconsin. There is no list of registered voters that contains inactive voter records.

The draft does not provide a definition of what removal means. Section 22 references to data "destruction" imply that the information is preserved in some way, but the mechanism of the preservation is not explained. Voter registration data is maintained in an electronic database. The electronic database contains voter records, absentee application records, absentee ballot records, care facility records, polling place records, jurisdiction and ward records, millions of address records, election plans, election reconciliation records, mailing records, felon records, death records, incompetency records, DOT license check records, training records, and staff contact records. Digital data is highly fungible, and the segregation of data depends entirely upon the screening criteria applied to the database. Physical location is effectively irrelevant to digital data unless the sponsors intend that the data be "air gapped," or physically separated from all other systems with no electronic connection whatsoever. In such a configuration access to the data would be extremely limited for agency staff, and effectively impossible for county and municipal officials. This level of separation would require additional hardware, software, and processes, but more information would be needed to determine an accurate cost for state and local officials.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications